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RE: Motive for the Assassination of Pres. Kennedy

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have followed the Cuban-American situation very closely since the early 1960's and have always felt it was related to the assassination. Over the years I have formulated a motive for the assassination which connects the assassination with the "missle crisis" of October, 1962. My reasoning is as follows.

In the aftermath of the Bay of Pigs, beside initiating the build-up of U.S. forces in Indo China, Pres. Kennedy began to strategize a new attack on Cuba. (For a good look at his mood at the time, a mood of extreme billigerence, read his speech to the American newspaper editors in late April, 1961.) By 1962, Cuban leaders were well aware a new attack was coming, and they asked the Soviet Union for more military aid. That aid arrived in the form of a massive deterrent- the missles. Out of this event came the October, 1962 confrontation between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

The key factor in the assassination motive is the nature of the settlement of the missle crisis. In the "eyeball to eyeball" confrontation, not only was Krushchev forced to take out the missiles, but Kennedy was forced to agree that once and for all the U.S. would never again invade Cuba or give support to others with that intention, eg., the CIA supported refugee groups.

When the anti-Castro Cubans discovered they could no longer attack Cuba, they were outraged. The following items are taken from the New York Times in the spring of 1963 and high-

light the build-up of stress between the refugees and Pres. Kennedy.

3/22/63 - President Kennedy said at his news conference(3/21) that, "We do not feel these kinds of raids serve a useful purpose."

3/29/63 - hit and run attacks by Cubans exiles....causing dismay and embarrassment in the administration

4/16/63 - Dr. Jose Miro Cardona, the Cuban exile leader, accuses Pres. Kennedy of "breaking promises and agreements" for a new invasion of Cuba in favor of "peaceful coexistence". The Cuban exile leader charged that American policy toward Cuba underwent a complete turnabout as of last October 24, when Pres. Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev began to negotiate over withdrawal of Russian rockets and planes from the island.

4/19/63 - p. 14 carries an eight column statement by Dr. Cardona on his resignation from the Cuban Exile Council because of his anger with the Kennedy administration.

4/21/63 - News of the Week in Review.....the Administration, which has looked the other way when exile groups made raids on Cuba, has now taken forceful steps to prevent such raids from U.S. territory....

So, here we have evidence of a developing hostility toward Pres. Kennedy in a group which is armed to the teeth; not only that- but which, we know from Senator Church's investigation, has been primed for assassination plots- against Fidel Castro.

This group came to the conclusion that the only way they would again be free to attack Cuba was with Kennedy out of the White House. With Kennedy out of the way, the believed, the agreement with Krushchev would become a dead issue. But, it was a certainty that Kennedy would be re-elected in 1964, so removal through the normal political process was out of the question. The only course open, as they saw it, was removal by assassination. On 11/22/63 these forces carried out the assassination of Pres. Kennedy. (As it turned out, the assassins misjudged the strength of the October, 1962

agreement for now more invasion trys. While Kennedy, the U.S. party to it was gone, Lyndon Johnson, his successor, sustained it.)

Who were the forces who assassinated Pres. Kennedy? They were 1) Cuban refugees, who wanted to oust the Communist regime in Cuba; 2) the CIA, which wanted to see Cuba back in the fold of the "free world" and friendly to U.S. business interests; 3) organized crime, which lost a tremendous fortune when the Castro regime closed down their operations on the island.

How did Oswald come into the picture? Oswald was set-up as a left cover for the right wing nature of the conspiracy. Oswald paraded as a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee; Oswald tried to get a visa to visit Cuba, etc. The conspirators intended to place the blame for the assassination on the left- which they almost succeeded in doing.

How did Ruby fit into the picture? When it turned out that the stalking horse, Oswald, came into the hands of the police- alive! - Ruby, representing the interests of organized crime in the venture, having entree to the police headquarters, was detailed to silence Oswald.

The above, I believe, describes the circumstances of the kennedy assassination. I feel it suggests some areas of investigation which, to the best of my knowledge, people such as yourself have not delved very deeply into- the para-military Cuban refugee groups and the section of organized crime that lost out in Cuba. Again, I believe it was the outcome of the missle crisis which led to the assassination.

Yours truly

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